

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (previously presented) A method for the preparation of an ink jet recording element comprising coating on top of a support a layer pack comprising, in order, (a) a layer containing a pigment at a solid weight % of 60 to 98 of the total solid weight of the layer, and (b) a layer containing a water-soluble polymer, characterized in that said layers (a) and (b) are coated simultaneously wet on wet wherein the static surface tension of said layer (b) is lower than the static surface tension of said layer (a).
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said pigment is an inorganic pigment.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein said inorganic pigment is silica.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said polymer is a cationic polymer.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein said cationic polymer is a nitrogen containing cationic polymer.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein said cationic nitrogen containing polymer is poly(diallyldimethylammonium chloride).
7. (previously presented) A method according to claim 5 wherein said cationic nitrogen containing polymer is

copoly(vinylalcohol-vinylacetate-diallyldimethylammonium chloride).

- 8.(Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein said cationic nitrogen containing polymer is cellulose 2-hydroxyethylether, polymer with N,N-dimethyl, N-2 propenyl-2 propene-1-ammoniumchloride.
- 9.(Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein said cationic nitrogen containing polymer is a polyamine.
- 10.(canceled)
- 11.(Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said layers (a) and (b) are coated simultaneously wet on wet by the slide-hopper coating technique.
- 12.(Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said layers (a) and (b) are coated simultaneously wet on wet by the curtain coating technique.